



**"Best Climate
on Earth"**

The GROVE GAZETTE

Municipal Newsletter for the Residents and Businesses of Lemon Grove, California **SEPTEMBER 2015**

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THE PARSONAGE MUSEUM, BY HELEN OFIELD

The Lemon Grove Historical Society, founded in 1978, opened the Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove on September 26, 1999. The museum, located at 3185 Olive Street in Civic Center Park, is housed in Lemon Grove's former First Congregational Church, which was built in 1897, making the building 118 years old. Saving the original church--an effort that won the historical society a 2001 Governor's Historic Preservation Award--could not have happened without the blessing of the City of Lemon Grove. The project led to the saving of the H. Lee House in 2002, which is run by the Historical Society as the City's cultural center and is a popular rental facility.



First Congregational Church, Circa 1910



The Parsonage Museum today



*H. Lee House and
Civic Center Park fountain*

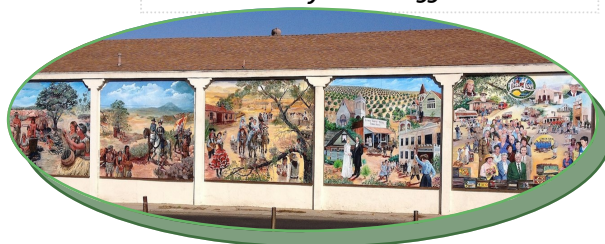
In 2002-2004 the City leveraged grants to construct Civic Center Park, creating both a framework for the two historic sites and a beautiful green space in the heart of town. On any evening you'll find dog walkers, exercise clubs, Frisbee tossers, ball club practice, picnickers, and, if you're there on the first Thursday of each month, a free history lecture inside the H. Lee House.

**But wait—
there's more!**

In 2013 the Historical Society completed the huge Lemon Grove History Mural, 3308 Main Street, and won a 2014 Governor's Historic Preservation Award for the project. Again, this wouldn't have happened without our City's encouragement and support. Further to "big art in a small town," we welcome the Buena Vista Bridge mural to the neighborhood! (*More Pg. 9...*)

By working together, the City and the Historical Society made so much happen in the first decade of the 21st century! History, recreation, public art, learning and fun all happening within a block of The Big Lemon. The Historical Society has served Lemon Grove for nearly 40 years. **For more information about the Parsonage Museum, call (619) 460-4353.**

The History Mural at 3308 Main Street



The museum is open to visitors on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and weekdays by appointment for classes and tour groups. Admission is by donation; children 12 and under are free.

Visitors enjoy two floors of colorful exhibits related to Lemon Grove's history and take away informative hand-outs about civic and school history. They can also purchase a pictorial history of the community with more than 200 historical photographs, as well as a short history of the *Lemon Grove Review*, once the town's weekly newspaper.

Community Events

FREE SHREDDING EVENT!

For
Lemon
Grove
residents
only

*Are you drowning in paper? **Shred it!***

Saturday, October 3, 2015

9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

3232 Main Street — City Hall Parking Lot



Would you like to discard old bank statements and other personal records, but are concerned with identity theft? The City of Lemon Grove and EDCO are sponsoring a **FREE** shredding event.

*****Limited to two bankers boxes (10"x12"x15") per household*****

For more information, please call (619) 287-7555



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OPEN HOUSE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**You're
Invited!**

Saturday, October 3rd

Heartland Fire & Rescue

Lemon Grove Fire Station 10

7853 Central Avenue, Lemon Grove (619) 825-3835



ANNUAL BREAKFAST AT THE FIRE STATION

7:00 a.m.— 11:00 a.m.

**ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancakes,
sausage, eggs, orange juice and coffee!**

Donation:

Adults.....\$5.00

**Children.....\$3.00
(under 12)**

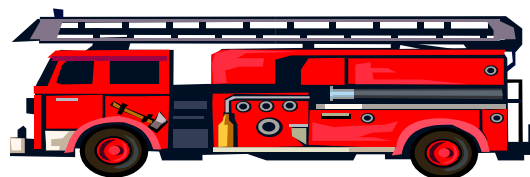


*All proceeds
benefit
local charities*



OPEN HOUSE

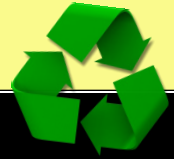
8:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon



- ♦ **Meet and Greet with Heartland Fire & Rescue Firefighters**
- ♦ **Fire Prevention Safety Trailer**
- ♦ **Emergency Response Vehicles**
- ♦ **Disaster Preparedness Information**
- ♦ **Fire and Life Safety Information & Displays**
- ♦ **Home Depot Kid's Workshop**

Community Events

Lemon Grove FALL CLEAN UP



City of Lemon Grove clean ups provide residents the opportunity to properly dispose or recycle bulky items, green waste and electronic waste. The City partners with **EDCO** to coordinate quarterly events. *Each event collects approximately 4-6 tons of bulk trash, keeping Lemon Grove clutter-free & helping to prevent illegal dumping.*

Keeping our City clean is a responsibility shared by home owners, residents, business owners and the City working together. So, clean out that garage, tend to your yard, help that senior next door. **Load up your pick up truck & come see us at Civic Center Park!**

Civic Center Park—the official cleanup site for all quarterly events.

Keep your Civic Center Park!



Saturday, October 24, 2015
7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ACCEPTED

- ⇒ **Household** (furniture, large appliances, debris from home improvement projects)
- ⇒ **Green Waste** (tree trimmings, grass, plants)
- ⇒ **Recyclables** (empty bottles/containers, metals, paper)
- ⇒ **E-Waste** (computers, monitors, televisions, cell phones, other miscellaneous electronics)



NOT ACCEPTED

- ⇒ **Commercial Waste** (contractor, landscaper, or commercial business waste/debris)
- ⇒ **Mechanical** (tires, motor oil, gas)
- ⇒ **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)** (batteries, light bulbs, pesticides, herbicides, paint, solvents, gasoline, motor oil)
- ⇒ **Medical Waste** (bio-hazards, expired prescription drugs, used sharps)



Event sponsored by:

EDCO

edcodisposal.com

"We'll Take Care of It"

This event is offered to Lemon Grove residents only. Anyone unable to provide proof of residency will be turned away.

Community Events

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF LEMON GROVE

Annual CHILI COOKOFF



Saturday, November 7, 2015
6:00p.m.—9:00p.m.

St. John of the Cross Parish Hall
8086 Broadway (Broadway and Columbus Drive)

***Tickets or
entry info:***

Gloria Ferreira
(619) 466-3699

Donation:
Adults \$20.00
Kids Free

-  **Delicious chili from some of Lemon Grove's finest chili chefs, plus salads and snacks**
-  **Live entertainment**
-  **Fabulous raffle and silent auction prizes**



Event proceeds benefit:

Soroptimist International of Lemon Grove's programs to improve the lives of families and children in our community

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



18th Annual

Community Bonfire

5:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.

at Civic Center Park

Bonfire lighting at 6:00pm.

Free! **FAMILY FUN**

This year's activities will include music, hayride, rock climbing wall, game booths, photo booth, arts & crafts, face painting and a game truck.

Free hot chocolate, chili, cornbread, cookies, fruit and popcorn will be served.

For more information, please call (619) 825-3815

Community Interest

CONNECT MAIN STREET

The Connect Main Street concept is being prepared for Public Hearings. The project is envisioned as a 2 mile linear park from North Avenue to Broadway Avenue at the south end of the new Valencia Hills housing development. The linear park is designed with meandering paths for strolling, jogging, and biking. Active recreational opportunities are placed along the trail to provide skaters, rock climbers, BMX riders and dog owners special destinations. The trail presents educational points of interest, public art and garden environments stationed along the 2 miles to encourage walkers to continue on the path.

In August, the City's consultant, KTU+A, presented a concept to the City Council to request authorization to move to the next step. This next step requires a rigorous analysis of the concept for potential environmental impacts.

The conclusions of the analysis and possible alternatives will be presented at the Public Hearings, which are tentatively scheduled for November 2015. **STAY TUNED!**



GREYWATER REQUIREMENTS

It's impossible to turn on the television these days without hearing the message **"Use water wisely"**. As a result, greywater systems have become a popular topic of discussion.

Before installing a system, consider the following:

Greywater is untreated wastewater that has not been contaminated by toilet discharge, kitchen sinks, dishwashers, photo lab sinks or soiled diapers.

Greywater from bathtubs, showers, bathroom sinks, clothes washing machines and laundry sinks is acceptable wastewater. Due to the potential for high levels of bacteria and viruses in greywater, greywater must be used in a way that eliminates potential human contact or the creation of nuisances.



Greywater systems use greywater for subsurface landscape irrigation through the use of mulch basins, disposal trenches or subsurface drip irrigation fields. Greywater can be used to irrigate fruit trees, ornamental trees, shrubs, groundcover and lawns.

Greywater should **not** be used in vegetable gardens where the food is a root crop or touches the ground surface because soaps and detergents can contain a variety of chemicals that may be harmful to your plants. The regulations for greywater systems allows for subsurface irrigation only, although greywater can be discharged to the ground surface in a mulch basin as long as it remains covered with at least two inches of mulch, rock or soil.

- ◆ Regulations for the design, construction and use of greywater systems can be found in Chapter 16A of the California Plumbing Code (CPC): [Greywater System Regulations](#)
- ◆ Contact the Lemon Grove Building Department (619) 825-3847 for complete requirements regarding permits and design criteria including plumbing, venting, and electrical specifications.
- ◆ *Installing a pump?* Contact Helix Water District at (619) 466-0585.

Community Interest

VANDALISM, DRUGS AND TRASH....

NOT how a new park should be treated!

City staff made the difficult decision at the end of July to close the public restrooms located in the Main Street Promenade Park (next to the Trolley Depot off Broadway). While this decision was very tough to make, the reasons supporting the decision were too convincing to ignore.

Since the Promenade was constructed, there have been numerous calls for services to the Sheriff Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department and MTS Security at the Promenade.

And to make matters worse, the Promenade bathroom, which is the only one on the MTS Orange Line, morphed into a location for drug use, graffiti, vandalism and prostitution. The City is currently faced with \$10,000 in repairs for broken lights and receptacles located throughout the park.

This kind of destruction just cannot be tolerated and the City needs your help!

- ◇ Please help to keep the Promenade clean
- ◇ If you see suspicious activities, call the Sheriff's Non-Emergency Line at (858) 565-5200
- ◇ As always, dial 9-1-1 immediately for emergencies

The City Council has directed staff to pursue remedies for unacceptable behaviors occurring in this park. City staff is working to secure additional law enforcement or other security measures to deter this activity. Changes should be noticeable soon.

City staff continues to work with local businesses, faith-based and non-profit organizations to host community events in the park area throughout the week.

Together we can make the Promenade a safe, fun and enjoyable park for residents and guests alike!

If you are interested in participating in this partnership, please contact the Public Works Department: (619) 825-3810.

SIGN-UP FOR AUTOMATIC NOTIFICATION ON CITY WEBSITE

Want to be "in the know" about what's going on in Lemon Grove?

Sign up on the City's website for **E-NOTIFICATIONS—automatic email message notifications** for new issues of the City newsletter, City Council agendas and so much more!

Instructions:

◇ Community Events

◇ Youth Activities

◇ Adult Sports

◇ City Newsletter

◇ City Council Agenda

◇ Community News

◇ Contracting Opportunities

◇ Press Releases

◇ Job Postings

◇ Visit the City's website at www.lemongrove.ca.gov.

◇ Click on "E-NOTIFICATIONS" on the left navigation bar.

◇ Enter your email address and first and last name.

◇ Select the items that interest you by clicking on the envelope icon next to it.

◇ Enter the verification code requested.

◇ Click "Submit" and you're done! You will receive an email with a link to confirm your subscription. A link to change or cancel your subscription is included with each notification.

Your e-mail address is kept confidential and will not be sold or disclosed to third parties.

Community Interest

HEAR THE BEEP WHERE YOU SLEEP...

Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!

Hearthland Fire & Rescue wants you to know—location matters when it comes to your smoke alarm. That's the message behind this year's **Fire Prevention Week** campaign, "**Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!**"

Along with firefighters and safety advocates nationwide, Heartland Fire & Rescue is joining forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) during **Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10**, to remind local residents about the importance of having working smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.



"In a fire, seconds count," said Rick Sitta, Fire Chief. "Half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. when most people are asleep. Home smoke alarms can alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone enough time to get out."

According to the latest NFPA research, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire *in half*. Meanwhile, three out of five fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

This year's **Fire Prevention Week** campaign includes the following smoke alarm messages:

- ◆ Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- ◆ Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. This way, when one sounds, they all do.
- ◆ Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- ◆ Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don't respond properly.
- ◆ Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.
- ◆ If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.
- ◆ Call the fire department from outside the home.

Heartland Fire & Rescue is hosting an **Open House on October 3rd at the Lemon Grove Fire Station at 7853 Central Avenue in Lemon Grove** (See **Open House Article, Page 2**) during Fire Prevention Week to promote "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep—Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!" Through educational, family-oriented activities, residents can learn more about the importance of having a working smoke alarm in every bedroom.

Contact Fire Marshal Chris Jensen at (619) 667-1472 for information on Fire Prevention Week. Visit www.firepreventionweek.org and www.sparky.org/fpw to learn more about smoke alarms and "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!"

CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE AROUND YOUR PROPERTY

October brings memories of the two most devastating fires in our County's history—**RIGHT NOW is the time to look at your home and ask:**

- ◆ Are there overgrown, dry weeds or vegetation that could expose your home to fire danger?
- ◆ Are the rain gutters clear of built-up dry leaves?
- ◆ Are there flammable items stored against your home that can catch fire and spread fire to your home, like overstuffed furniture or trash cans?
- ◆ Is there dry mulch coming in contact with the foundation or walls of your home or porch?
- ◆ If you live near open space, do you have 100 feet of defensible space around your property?

Eliminating these can help reduce the risk of fire spreading to your home. Now that you have identified some additional risks, it's important to develop a family plan to mitigate them. For example, clear weeds and brush, cut limbs off the branches of trees that hang lower than six feet from the ground. Move flammables to a safe distance away from the house. Move any firewood piles at least 30 feet from your home and of course, *develop an evacuation plan in the event a fire does occur.*

For more information on mitigating your risks and how to prepare for a disaster, please join us at our Fire Station Open House and Pancake Breakfast on October 3rd from 7:00 a.m.–12:00 Noon at 7853 Central Ave in Lemon Grove. (See Open House article, Page 2).

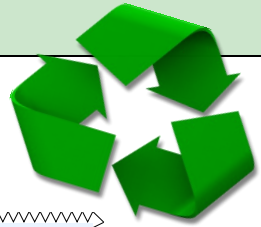
More on Defensible Space—Creating defensible space is essential to improve your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. It's the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs or any wildland area that surround it. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it protects your home from catching fire – either from direct flame contact or radiant heat. Defensible space is also important for the protection of the firefighters defending your home.

Community Interest

MAKE \$\$\$ RECYCLING

Recycling diverts solid waste from our overly burdened landfills—

Another benefit of recycling is trading in your recyclables for a little extra *CASH*...



Edco Disposal will buy back your recyclable materials!

Open seven days a week, 8:00am to 4:00pm.
EDCO Disposal, 6700 Federal (619) 287-7555

Trade in your CRV aluminum, glass and plastic containers for cash and help protect our environment at the same time!

SHERIFF CORNER—SENIOR VOLUNTEERS, BY AMY HALL, RSVP



Have you seen the white "Senior Volunteer" cars driving around Lemon Grove? Well, that would be the San Diego Sheriff's Department Senior Volunteer Patrol.

The Sheriff's Department Senior Volunteer Program was established in February of 1994 and is staffed by citizens 50 years and older who want to serve their communities.

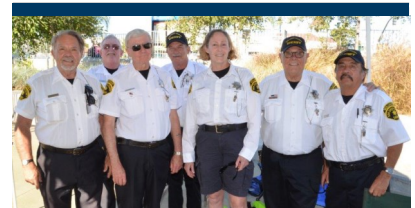
Senior Volunteers attend a two-week academy to learn the programs and procedures needed to assist the Sheriff's Department. Some of the topics covered include: Alzheimer's Safe Return, Crime Prevention, CPR/AED Safety, Department Orientation, Ethics and Rules of Conduct, Radio Training and Basic Traffic Control.

A typical patrol day for the Volunteers starts with phone calls or visits to our YANA Program clients. The YANA (You are Not Alone) program provides home checks on our residents who live alone, are housebound, or elderly. These checks not only provide peace of mind for family members and friends, but for the clients themselves.

Next up are the home security checks for Lemon Grove residents who are out of town and have a "Vacation Check" form on file with the station.

Learn more about these services by visiting the Lemon Grove Sheriff Station at 3240 Main Street or on the Sheriff Department website:

- ♦ Vacation Check Flyer <http://www.sdsheriff.net/documents/vacation-check-flyer.pdf>
- ♦ Vacation Check Form <http://www.sdsheriff.net/patrolstations/docs/vacation-check.pdf>
- ♦ YANA Brochure <http://www.sdsheriff.net/documents/yana-brochure.pdf>
- ♦ YANA Request <http://www.sdsheriff.net/documents/yana-request.pdf>



RSVP Volunteers:

Ed Ferguson, Steve Botzer, Bob Spencer, Ron Shipley, Amy Hall, Art Marcon, Robert Nunez

In between the YANA checks and vacation checks, we drive the neighborhoods and patrol the business districts of Lemon Grove. Most of our patrol shifts are throughout the day. In addition to YANA and vacation checks, we assist the Sheriff's Department with conducting DUI checkpoints, traffic control at various collision scenes and crime scenes, and at special events, such as National Night Out.

The Volunteers act as another set of eyes and ears for the Sheriff's deputies. We have been flagged down by businesses to help resolve problems and by residents to chat about small problems. We try to offer a variety of options to those residents so those small problems don't escalate into bigger problems.

If you are interested in volunteering in this capacity and joining our Senior Volunteer team, please call (619) 337-2072 for more information.

Potpourri

HEALTHY EATING AND ACTIVE LIVING

Make water your first choice!

Water is the #1 thirst quencher!—ZERO calories!

- ◆ Keep it handy— health authorities commonly recommend eight 8-ounce glasses of water daily.
- ◆ Keep a pitcher of water in the fridge and add fresh fruit - lemon, lime, orange wedges or cucumber slices for natural flavor.
- ◆ Keep a refillable water bottle on hand wherever you are.
- ◆ Drink water, instead of sugar-sweetened beverages, such as juice, sports drinks, or soda.

Water is an essential fuel for your body.

- ◆ Water is the most important nutrient for active people—when you exercise, you sweat, and when you sweat, you LOSE water and minerals – it is important to replace the water you lose when you sweat.
- ◆ Energy drinks contain caffeine. Caffeine causes the body to lose water and can sometimes cause anxiety, headaches, stomachaches and sleep problems.
- ◆ Soda has NO nutritional value and is high in sugar. Just one can of soda has 150 empty calories!

Milk—A good choice - low fat milk is nutritious and helps kids build strong teeth and bones.

- ◆ The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that mothers breastfeed for at least 12 months, and thereafter for as long as mother and baby desire. The World Health Organization recommends continued breastfeeding up to 2 years of age or beyond. Cow's milk, goat's milk, and soy milk are not recommended for children under age 1.
- ◆ Ages 1-2: choose whole milk (2% low fat milk for children for whom obesity is a concern or who have a family history of obesity, high cholesterol or heart disease).
- ◆ Ages 2 and older: choose low fat (1%) or fat free (skim) milk.
- ◆ Flavored (chocolate) milk contains unnecessary sugar and calories and is not recommended.

Encourage your family to love water. Choose it, serve it, and they will drink it!



BUENA VISTA STREET MURAL UPDATE

Lemon Grove's latest addition is nearing completion! The beautiful Buena Vista Street Mural is just a few weeks away, according to local Artist-In-Residence Miguel Godoy, who was selected by the San Diego Museum of Art to work with the Lemon Grove community on the project. Lemon Grove was one of just two communities in San Diego County in 2014 selected by the Museum to participate in the Museum's "Open Spaces" project. The Open Spaces project was made possible through a generous grant the Museum received in 2012 from the James Irvine Foundation's Exploring Engagement Fund, a fund which supports a Museum initiative that seeks out new ways of engaging audience through art.

Godoy and fellow artist Richard Luna worked with the Lemon Grove community and Irma Esquivias, project coordinator for the San Diego Museum of Art's Open Spaces Program, to develop the idea. A series of community workshops with Godoy were held to determine the content, medium and site of the artwork.

Individuals and groups, including Helix High students and community members hand-painted the artworks for several months off-site. Nearly two dozen artists helped install the gigantic artworks of flowers, native plants and an enormous hummingbird.

Artist Godoy said that over 100 people have helped to create the mural and that many have stopped by to admire it and express appreciation, many commenting on how BEAUTIFUL it is!

A celebration is planned upon project completion (3-4 weeks).

STAY TUNED!



Artist-In-Residence Miguel Godoy

Potpourri

LEMON GROVE SENIOR CENTER—Services, Activities, Classes

Senior Volunteer
Opportunities Available for participants

8235 Mt. Vernon Street, (619) 337-1425
Monday—Friday, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Senior Lunch Program
Hot, nutritious meals



Make **reservations** by 12:00 Noon
a week in advance.

Suggested donation \$3.50 age 60 and over.

Services

Free Legal Services
Home Delivered Meals
Health Insurance Counseling
and Advocacy Program

Activities

Tuesday Movies
Monthly Entertainment
Holiday Celebrations
Bingo and Billiards

Exercise Classes

Aerobic Conditioning
Feeling Fit Club
Hatha Yoga

TENANT/LANDLORD SERVICES

CSA San Diego County promotes fair housing practices, and provides free assistance to renters, land owners, and property managers.

CSA San Diego County provides many **FREE** services including:

- ♦ education to tenants
- ♦ education to land owners and property managers
- ♦ fair housing advocacy

CSA's housing specialists are equipped to answer many questions and provide additional resources to those in need.

Contact CSA San Diego County at (619) 444-5700 or visit www.c4sa.org.

REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

City of Lemon Grove
STORMDRAIN Hotline

(619) 825-3827

Please report illegal dumping (paint, chemicals, etc.) into the City's stormdrain system.

What is stormwater pollution?

Untreated urban runoff (pollutants like trash, pet waste, cigarette butts, motor oil or antifreeze, paint, pesticide and fertilizer run-off) that flows untreated through the storm drain system, eventually making its way into the ocean.

Find out more:

[Stormwater](#)

Only Rain Goes
in Storm Drains

**REPORT
DUMPING**
OF ANY SUBSTANCE
INTO STORM DRAINS



girl scouts
san diego

**I can't wait to
be a Girl Scout volunteer.**

Be the role model she'll always remember.

Help a girl for an hour, a day or a year!

Contact Dayana Silva-James at
(619) 610-0771 or dsilva@sdgirlscouts.org

sdgirlscouts.org/volunteer

Environmental

GARDENS AND STORM WATER POLLUTION

Did you know your garden maintenance activities may be a potential threat to our environment and to your health?!

Yes, your garden maintenance activities may be compromising water quality in nearby streams and the bodies of water they flow into, such as San Diego Bay. Simple modifications to your gardening techniques can help eliminate pollutants from being introduced into the environment and receiving water bodies without compromising the aesthetics and health of your landscape.



Garden Tips:

- * **Compost It!...** Eliminate the need for pesticides and synthetic fertilizers by adding two inches of compost to the top six to eight inches of topsoil. This improves the quality of your soil and produces plants that are healthier and more resistant to pests and other diseases. Furthermore, it will reduce water consumption and erosion as well as facilitate in microbial breakdown of toxic pollutants.
- * **Mulch It!.....** Prevent weeds from growing by mulching with recycled yard trim material. Mulching will minimize weed growth and keep moisture in the soil. More moisture in the soil equates to less irrigation and a lower water bill!
- * **Grow Native!** Native vegetation is suited for the terrain and rainfall we receive in Southern California. Planting varieties of sage, laurel sumac, buckwheat, monkey flowers, and many others require minimal irrigation, fertilizers, and pesticides because they are less prone to disease.
- * **Bug Out!** In place of pesticides, let nature do her work naturally. Attract or acquire bugs that feed on pests. Ladybugs, praying mantis, and parasitic wasps are just a few insects that help to protect your garden from pest damage. Furthermore, introducing plants such as mint, catnip, and marigolds are great in deterring insects.
- * **Spray It!** Make sprays with garlic, onions, horseradish, hot pepper, and mint. There are many non-toxic organic remedies that can be used to kill insects.

How to Make Organic Pesticide—Use natural products that you already have around your house. Garden pests are repelled or killed by a surprising number of safe and natural products. However, **organic home pesticide is exactly like chemical pesticide in one very important way**—it will kill any bug it comes into contact with, whether it's a pest bug or beneficial bug, such as ladybugs, spiders and wasps that feed on garden pests. Before mixing up an insect repellent, think about how much damage pests are really doing to your garden to decide if you may be doing more harm than good by killing the bugs than the bugs were actually doing to your plants. **When it does become necessary to use a pesticide, using organic insect repellent stops pollutants from traveling through the storm drain system to nearby creeks and the Ocean, saves harmful toxins from going into your garden and protects your family!**

Organic Garden Pest Control Recipe #1

- 1 head of garlic
- 1 tablespoon dish soap (Note: do not use a dish soap that contains bleach)
- 2 tablespoons mineral or vegetable oil
- 2 cups water

Peel the garlic cloves and puree the cloves along with the oil and water. Allow to sit over night and then strain the mixture. Add the soap and mix toughly. Pour into a spray bottle and use on pest infected plants.

Organic Garden Pest Control Recipe #2

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon dish soap or Murphy's Oil Soap (Note: do not use a dish soap that contains bleach)
- 2 quart of water

Combine ingredients and pour into a spray bottle. Use this organic bug spray for plants on your affected plants.

Organic Garden Pest Control Recipe #3

- 1/2 cup chopped hot peppers (the hotter the better)
- 2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons dish soap (Note: do not use a dish soap that contains bleach)

Puree peppers and water. Let sit overnight. Strain carefully (this will burn your skin) and mix in dish soap. Pour into a spray bottle and spray this organic bug spray for plants on your buggy plants.

BEFORE USING ANY HOMEMADE MIX:

It should be noted that anytime you use a home mix, you should always test it out on a small portion of the plant first to make sure that it will not harm the plant. Also, avoid using any bleach-based soaps or detergents on plants since this can be harmful to them. In addition, it is important that a home mixture never be applied to any plant on a hot or bright sunny day, as this will quickly lead to burning of the plant and its ultimate demise.

Environmental

MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION

The State Water Resources Control Board has mandated a 20 percent reduction in water use within Helix Water District's service area, which includes Lemon Grove residents and businesses. Per Helix Water District, Lemon Grove as well as other service areas are off to a great start with a cumulative reduction of 28% during the months of June and July.

Keep up the good work by continuing to limit outdoor watering to no more than 2 days per week for 10 minutes per station, fixing leaks promptly, and taking shorter showers.



Visit www.hwd.com for more details and to view available rebates, conservation classes, and water saving tips.

NEW LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE UPDATE

Governor Brown's Drought Executive Order of April 1, 2015 directed the Department of Water Resources to update the State's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. The California Water Commission approved a revised Ordinance on July 15, 2015.

The City of Lemon Grove has until December 1, 2015 to adopt modifications to its Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (LGMC 18.44).

Please visit <http://cuwcc.org/Calendar/Workshops/Landscape> for more detailed information.

KEEP LEMON GROVE CLEAN BY RECYCLING YOUR USED MOTOR OIL!

IT'S FREE... and EASY!

When the weather is nice, you might be tempted to tackle that oil change yourself.

If you change your own motor oil, did you know that you can take it to a used oil collection center for recycling? Many of these centers will accept used oil filters, as well.

All for free!



In fact, used oil collection centers will even **pay** you for recycling your used motor oil! You can request a \$0.40 per gallon incentive payment for up to five (5) gallons of your used motor oil. Used oil collection centers also provide free drain pans.

Please note that used motor oil will not be accepted if it is contaminated with water or other automotive fluids.

For a list of used oil collection centers near you, or to find out how to dispose of contaminated used oil, visit www.wastefreesd.org or call 1 (800) 237-2583.



Environmental

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING

By appointment only, City residents may drop-off Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) on selected dates at EDCO's La Mesa Station.

FREE!

It's easy to dispose of HHW safely...

Call (619) 287-5696, ext. 4270, to make an appointment for an upcoming drop-off event. You may also request an appointment via email at lmhww@edcodisposal.com. Be sure to include your name, address, and daytime telephone number.

Home Pickup Program—Only seniors (65+) and disabled residents are eligible to participate in the HHW/Electronic Waste Home Pickup Program. (619) 287-5696, ext. 4270.



It is illegal to dispose of hazardous materials such as these in the trash!

HOUSEHOLD

All Purpose Cleaners
Ammonia, Disinfectants
Drain Cleaners, Polishes
Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Household Batteries

YARD AND GARDEN

Lighter Fluid
Pesticides
Paints, Stains, Thinners
Pool Chemicals
Fertilizers

GARAGE

Motor Oil and Filters
Car Batteries, Gear Oil
Transmission Fluid
Antifreeze, Gasoline
Glues, Adhesives

FREE HOUSEHOLD BATTERY RECYCLING AND SHARPS DISPOSAL

For your convenience, the **EDCO Buyback Center**, located at 6700 Federal Boulevard, in Lemon Grove is **open every day of the week**, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for recycling household batteries and disposing of sharps waste. Questions?..... Call EDCO at (619) 287-7555.

Household Batteries — AAA, AA, C, D, AND 9V ONLY

Batteries contain heavy metals such as mercury, lead, cadmium, and nickel that contaminate the environment. Recycling batteries keeps heavy metals out of landfills and the air and saves resources because recovered plastic and metals can be used to make new batteries.



Sharps Waste (Needles, lancets, or other devices used to penetrate the skin for the delivery of medications.)



Put sharps in approved sharps containers or in sturdy, puncture resistant, tightly sealed containers like empty bleach bottles, liquid detergent bottles or coffee cans with lids. **DO NOT DISPOSE OF IN:** paper or plastic bags, glass containers, cardboard or coated paper containers, plastic bottles that have a CRV (CA Redemption Value) or milk jugs. **LOOSE SHARPS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**

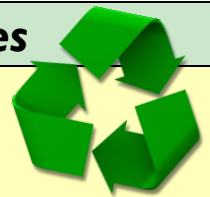
FREE E-WASTE RECYCLING for Residents AND Businesses



EDCO Disposal, 6700 Federal Boulevard

8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., (619) 287-7555

No appointment required



Items Accepted:

*** Appliances	Fax machines	Printers	Testing equipment
Camcorders	Hard drives	Radios	Transparency markers
Car batteries	Laptops	Remote controls	Two-way radios
CD players	Modems	Scanners	Typewriters
Cell phones	Monitors	Servers	UPS's
Computers	Pagers and PDA's	Stereos	VCR's
Copiers	PC boards	Tape players	Word processors
DVD players	Personal computers	Telephones	
Electric typewriters	Phone systems	Televisions	

***\$27 fee.



HANDY INFORMATION

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CITY HALL

Mayor & City Council 825-3800
City Manager, Finance 825-3800
Planning/Building 825-3805
Public Works 825-3810
Engineering 825-3811

CITY HOTLINES

Code Enforcement 825-3820
Stormwater 825-3827

**Please report illegal dumping
(paint, chemicals, etc.) into the
City's stormdrain system:**

[Stormwater](#)

FIRE DEPARTMENT

7853 Central Avenue
Business (non-emergency) 825-3835
Emergency 911

[Fire Department](#)

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

3240 Main Street
Business (non-emergency) 337-2000
Emergency 911

[Sheriff Department](#)

ANIMAL CONTROL

General info 691-5123
Report animal concerns 476-2476
After hours and holidays
dead animal removal 390-8204

OTHER...

Historical Society 460-4353
Library 463-9819
Senior Center 337-1425
La Mesa Swimming Pool Info 667-1494

2-1-1 Non-Emergency Hotline 211

1000's of community resources with a single call

www.211sandiego.org/

5-1-1 Traffic, Transit, & Travel Information 511

www.511sd.com/

Bus-Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) 233-3004

1255 Imperial Ave
San Diego, CA 92101-7490

www.transit.511sd.com/

California Highway Patrol

1722 East Main St
El Cajon, CA 92020
Business (non-emergency) 401-2000
Emergency 911

www.chp.ca.gov/

Crime Stoppers 1-888-580-TIPS (8477)

PO Box 600726

San Diego, CA 92160

www.sdcrimestoppers.com/

EDCO Disposal Corp 287-7555

Trash/Recycling Services

6670 Federal Blvd

Lemon Grove, CA 91945

www.edcodisposal.com/

Friends of the Library 962-6688

Bookstore at Lemon Grove Library

3001 School Lane

Lemon Grove, CA 91945

Lemon Grove School District 825-5600

8025 Lincoln St

Lemon Grove, CA 91945

[Lemon Grove School District](#)

Poison Control Center-San Diego area 1-800-222-1222

UC San Diego Medical Center

200 West Arbor Drive

San Diego, CA 92103

www.calpoison.com/

Senior Resource Center 740-4214

Referrals, health appraisals, Project Care, Vial of Life

Sharp Grossmont Hospital

9000 Wakarusa St

La Mesa, CA 91942

www.sharp.com/seniors/index.cfm

MEETINGS...



CITY COUNCIL

The Lemon Grove City Council meets the
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at
6:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 3146
School Lane.